# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
# LOK SABHA

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ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM PROJECT IN EPFO
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the administrative reform project in Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has been scrapped now;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the expenditure incurred on its implementation; and

(c) the reasons for scrapping the project?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. M/s Siemens Information Systems Limited (SISL) were engaged as Consultants for the Project − "Re-inventing EPF, India" of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation for an amount of Rs. 6,67,47,000/-. The Consultants appointed for the Project delivered their report on 'Business Process Re-engineering', 'System Design Document', 'Software Requirement Specifications', etc. The application software was also delivered. On exhaustive user testing and field testing, the application was found to be needing considerable improvement. To set right the deficiencies, the consultants asked for changes in contract and unreasonable financial compensation. The Central Board of Trustees, Employees' Provident Fund have considered the above and have given directions to explore alternate options and also to take legal opinion as regards the present situation.